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SUBJECT: YARG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF ASMARA HOSTAGES

REF: STATE 225074

1. DURING MEETING SEP 20 I DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH FONMIN ASNAJ THE PLIGHT OF THE ASMARA HOSTAGES. I RECALLED THAT YARG HAS HAD FROM TIME TO TIME CONTACTS WITH THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT AND WONDERED IF YEMEN GOVT MIGHT NOW BE IN POSITION TO HELP IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF HOSTAGES. ASNAJ SAID THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN YARG AND ELF HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN INTERMITTENT BUT THAT HE IS CERTAINLY PREPARED TO BE OF HELP IF POSSIBILITY PRESENTS ITSELF. HE PROMISED TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF ANY INFO COMING HIS WAY IN THIS REGARD. I EXPLAINED TO HIM USG POLICY WITH REGARD TO KIDNAPPED AMERICANS, EMPHASIZING USG REFUSAL TO PAY RANSOMS TO EFFECT RELEASE OF THESE PERSONS. ASNAJ SAID HE UNDERSTANDS
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AMERICAN POSITION AND WILL KEEP THIS IN MIND.

2. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR EARS OPEN
AND HOPE THAT SOMETHING MAY DEVELOP FROM THIS END.
MEANWHILE, I AM SURE THAT IF YARG CAN BE HELPFUL IT
WILL DO SO.
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